

All Voices: Hear this, you who are called to teach.

Reader 1: These words which I command you shall be upon your heart.

Reader 2: You shall teach them to your children.

Reader 3: You shall talk of them in your home.

Reader 4: You shall remember the Lord your God.

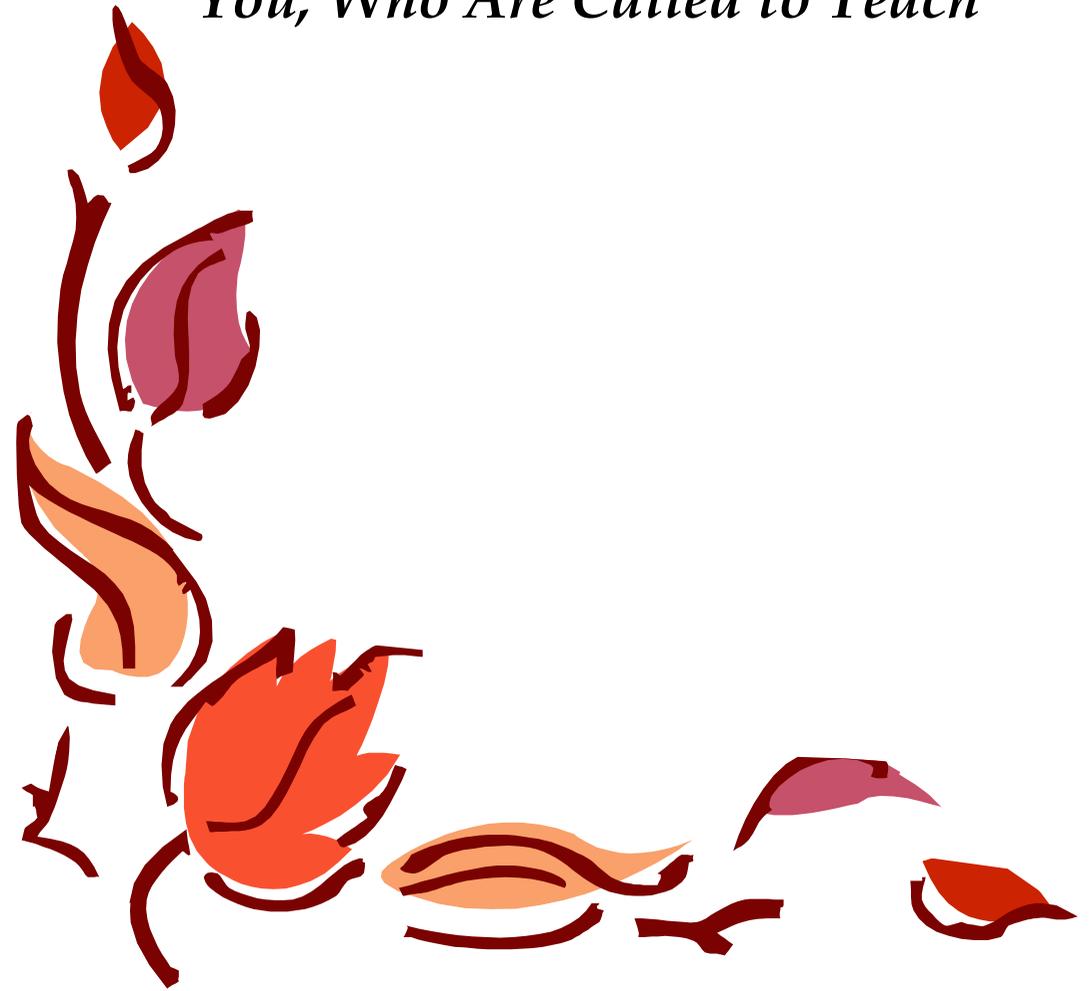
Reader 5: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.

Reader 6: Hear this, you who are called to teach.

All Voices: Hear this, you who are called to teach. Amen.

A Litany for Teacher Installation

You, Who Are Called to Teach



YOU, WHO ARE CALLED TO TEACH

All Voices

Hear this, you who are called to teach - You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

Reader 1

I am a child. I am a child of God. See how I jump and run and explore. The world is so full of a number of things - painting, skipping, playing, running, laughing. I feel wonder and excitement as I live in God's world. I ask all kinds of questions. I am enthusiastic, curious, and persistent.

You, who are called to teach - Help me to worship God, help me to grow in faith, help me to explore my world and find answers to my questions.

All Voices

Hear this, you who are called to teach - Let the little children come to me. Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it. Let the little children come. Let them come.

Reader 2

I am a youth. I am a child of God. I search and seek, asking countless questions about life. I wonder who I am and why I am here. Why do I live at this particular time? I am full of energy and life. Help me to discover my identity. Help me to know my worth. I question what you say. Are you telling me the truth?

You, who are called to teach - Help me to know the truth.

All Voices

Hear this, you who are called to teach - Remember now your creator in the days of your youth. Remember your creator. How shall they hear without a teacher?

Reader 3

I am a young adult. I am a child of God. I am caught somewhere in between the youth group and adulthood. At this time in my life I wonder what I will be doing in 5 years. What is God calling me to do and who is God calling me to be? I am excited yet confused about the world ahead of me.

You who are called to teach - Help me to find comfort through the confusion. Help me to seek answers and direction in the midst of the chaos.

All Voices

Hear this, you who are called to teach - When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put away childish things. Now we see in a mirror dimly, but then we shall see face to face.

Reader 4

I am a young parent. I am a child of God. I am a person living in a perplexing world, delighting in my children and worrying about their future. My family gives me joy. I want the best for them, but my children are sensitive, vulnerable and innocent. I have to teach them integrity, responsibility, and faith in God. I have to help them grow.

You, who are called to teach - Help me to lead them. Show me how to teach my children.

All Voices

Hear this, you who are called to teach - When your child asks, you shall say - we were slaves in Egypt and the Lord saved us. When your child asks, you shall say - Jesus Christ is the truth and the life.

Reader 5

I am an adult. I am a child of God. The days of my life pass very quickly and are full of many commitments and responsibilities. I search for answers as I live in an ever-changing world.

You who are called to teach - Speak to me about the meaning of life. What is faith? Does God exist? Help me with my doubts and help me to pray.

All Voices

Hear this, you who are called to teach - Always be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks you about the hope that is in you. Christ died for sins once and for all, that he might bring us to God. Our hope is in Jesus Christ.

Reader 6

I am a senior adult. I am a child of God. I often think of my childhood days and my childhood friends. I still feel young in my mind - but often my body betrays my will. Sometimes it seems like no one needs me. Some days are long and I am lonely. I have time to think. I wonder what it is like to die.

You who are called to teach - Show me your friendship and lend me your strength.